



PROTECT YOUR HOME WITH **security cameras**

A U.S. home is burglarized every 25.7 seconds, according to the latest FBI statistics. You can avoid becoming part of this statistic with a simple DIY project.

“During surveys of convicted burglars, 60 percent said they would not break into a house where they see video cameras,” said Jennifer Kimble, marketing and communications manager for EMC Security.

Video surveillance cameras allow a homeowner to view their property any time from anywhere. It’s also possible to receive alerts, view activity in real time or review recorded clips from a mobile device, television or computer.

Kimble offers these tips for purchasing and installing outdoor video cameras.

1 ASSESS YOUR NEEDS.

Determine your goals for having cameras and survey the area you wish to secure. This information will help you select the number of cameras and the features required for the level of security you expect. If you need help, EMC Security offers free security consultations. “As security professionals, we see things that the homeowner may not have considered,” Kimble explained.

2 PRIORITIZE THE FRONT DOOR.

If you can invest in only one camera, make it a video doorbell, suggested Kimble. “Because most burglars try the front door first, installing a video doorbell or security camera here is a great way to deter them before they try to get in,” she said.

3 PLACE STRATEGICALLY.

“Eighty-one percent of break-ins occur on the first floor of a home,” Kimble said, so prioritize positioning outdoor cameras to focus on vulnerable spots, including all exterior doors, first-floor windows, garage and driveway. Mount cameras at least 10 feet above ground level.

Don’t become a burglary statistic. Install video cameras to help protect your home. For more information on video surveillance cameras, visit EMCsecurity.com.



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WHAT'S NEW FOR THE BBQ

Grilling gizmos you'll love!

July is National Grilling Month. In honor of the season, the team at Walton Gas has shopped local retailers to find tools that will make cooking on your natural gas grill easier and more enjoyable. You'll be the boss of the barbecue with these gadgets.

SALT STONE

Salt block cooking is a new trend that is easily applied to the grill for infusing flavor and minerals into any type of meat, fish or grilled vegetable. The **Cuisinart Himalayan Salt Grilling Stone** (\$18) is a good starter product for those wanting to experiment with the technique.

PLANKS

Planking, the use of liquid-soaked wood planks for grilling foods, is a centuries-old technique that was used by the Northwest Native Americans to roast fish, meats and fowl.

Planking on a gas grill infuses foods with unique flavor, combining the earthiness of the wood plank and the smokiness of the grill. **Wildwood Grilling Planks** (packs of two for \$10.99–\$14.29) come in these woody flavors: cedar, alder, cherry, hickory, maple or red oak.

WIRELESS THERMOMETER

One of the hardest parts about grilling is determining when a piece of meat is adequately cooked – but not overcooked. A wireless meat thermometer, like the **ThermoPro TP20** (\$56), can help you perfectly prepare mouth-watering steaks, burgers and chicken. Highly rated by consumers, the TP20 has two probes (most units have only one) and presets for nine types of meats using USDA recommendations.

COMBO GRILLING TOOL

Forget having to keep two tools handy for preparing foods because you can get both in the **Pit Boss Pro Series All-in-One Grilling Tool** (\$15). This unique design constructed of stainless steel features a full spatula on one side and a raised ridge tong head on the other. You can easily open the tongs to a wide angle, and securely grip and flip a rack of ribs, thick cuts of steaks, large briskets and more. It also has a meat cleaver on one edge and a serrated tenderizer on the other.



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